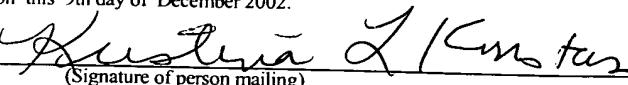


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COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 10, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND
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This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued June 10, 2002 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the June 10, 2002 Office Action was originally due one month from the issue date thereof, i.e. by July 10, 2002. Applicants are filing simultaneously herewith a Petition for a five month extension of time, extending the due date for filing a response to the June 10, 2002 Office Action until December 10, 2002. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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Please add the following new claim 16:

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16. (New) A compound having the formula

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